



Tennessee Crop Weather

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WHEAT HARVEST GOING STRONG; PLANTERS CHASING COMBINES

Wheat harvest is going strong with many farmers reporting excellent yields, except for some spotty areas that were hurt by the late April frost. Taking advantage of moisture received early in the week, planters have been chasing combines to plant double crop soybeans. Corn has entered a critical growth stage as it begins to silk and tassel, but more moisture is needed in some areas for proper development. Vegetable crops were reported as starting to show signs of stress from dry conditions. Many crops continue to be rated in mostly good condition after temporary relief was provided by rain showers across most of the state. The first hay cutting is nearly complete, but more rain is needed to boost hay for second cutting which has already started in some areas. Most pastures seem to be holding in fair-to-good condition and the majority of cattle are reported to be in good shape. In addition to harvest and planting, hay cutting and fungicide applications were main farm activities.

There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork across the state. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 8 percent very short, 31 percent short, 60 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 11 percent very short, 33 percent short and 56 percent adequate. Temperatures last week averaged near normal across the state. Rainfall amounts averaged slightly below to below normal across the state this past week.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Silking or Beyond	20	2	1	2	Corn	3	9	26	52	10
Cotton – Squaring	9	1	5	5	Cotton	1	7	24	55	13
Hay – 1 st Cutting	95	88	86	84	Pastures	3	15	34	44	4
Soybeans – Planted	89	81	65	68	Soybeans	1	8	25	58	8
Soybeans – Emerged	70	59	39	51	Tobacco	0	1	15	71	13
Tobacco – Transplanted	83	70	75	77						
Winter Wheat – Ripe	98	92	67	55						
Winter Wheat – Harvested	81	54	28	13						

County Agent Comments

“With past recent rains and rain in the near forecast, all crops and pasture are in good conditions for the moment. Farmers are applying the usual insecticides and herbicides to control bugs and weeds. Wheat harvest is well underway with yields from 50-70 bushels per acre.”

J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County

“Rain received on Sunday ranged from 0.9 - 1.6" across the county, providing temporary relief from dry conditions. Crops responded well to the moisture.”

Richard Buntin, Crockett County

“Scattered thunderstorms early in the week brought much need rain to some parts of the county while almost missing others. Rainfall ranged from .2" up to 1.5". Corn is entering a very critical growth stage with some fields beginning to silk and tassel. A slow moving rain system would be very welcome to the farming community. Wheat harvest is almost over with exceptional yields being reported. Soybean planters are chasing combines in an attempt to get the double-crop planted.”

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

“Houston County is very dry the farther east you go. Many farmers have reported that their hay crop is 1/3 less than what was harvested this time last year. We need rain in a bad way.”

Laurie Mobley, Houston County

“Most areas of the county received at least an inch of rain Monday and Tuesday (06/04 & 06/05. Some areas received only a few tenths. Farmers are busy planting soybeans behind wheat. In general corn looks good. Pastures were helped by the rain and they are holding in fair to good condition. Cattle look good overall. First cutting of hay is about complete. Hay yields are below average and many producers will need good yields on the second cutting in order to have enough hay for the winter.”

Richard Groce, Maury County

“The need for rain is a main issue for farmers. Row crops are showing signs of dry weather. A couple of people have reported feeding some hay due to pasture conditions.”

Ruth Correll, Wilson County

“Conditions are very dry! Some cattle producers feeding hay. More will be feeding hay if needed rain doesn't come this week. Some corn is twisting.”

Steve Harris, Coffee County

“With very dry conditions, many producers are finishing up harvest of wheat, barley and hay. Soybeans and sunflowers following wheat and barley are being planted with the prospect of rain this weekend. The apple crop is looking very good with producers finishing thinning on Gala, Red and Golden Delicious.”

Kim Frady, Bradley County

“Some thrip activity in tomato greenhouses.”

Anthony Carver, Grainger County

“Signs of drought are showing especially in vegetables, corn crop, and forage crops.”

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: June 10, 2012 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending June 10, 2012				Current Week 6/10/12	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	89	54	73	-2	2.48	2	19.12	-6.70	8.62	-3.25
Brownsville_TN	89	59	75	-1	2.22	1	15.94	-10.04	5.70	-6.32
Covington	89	55	73	-3	1.29	2	17.01	-8.81	4.87	-7.09
Dyersburg	88	59	75	-2	0.64	1	15.30	-8.49	6.16	-4.65
Huntingdon_Wate	88	55	71	-3	2.37	2	15.73	-9.26	7.04	-4.03
Jackson_Exp_Stn	89	57	73	-2	2.55	3	17.02	-8.41	6.08	-5.92
Lexington_TN	88	54	72	-3	3.50	3	18.52	-5.75	7.37	-3.55
Martin	88	55	73	-2	0.81	1	16.46	-8.16	5.70	-5.51
Memphis_AG	92	61	75	-3	3.12	2	22.15	-3.16	11.10	-0.54
Milan	90	53	73	-1	0.59	3	14.33	-11.30	3.82	-8.02
Paris	87	54	70	-3	2.17	2	15.50	-8.96	5.80	-4.98
Savannah_6SW	87	54	73	-3	2.37	4	23.68	-4.58	10.72	-1.90
Selmer	88	54	72	-2	4.57	2	23.72	-4.15	10.93	-1.52
Union_City	88	53	72	-2	1.25	2	15.18	-9.37	5.58	-5.62
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	91	52	71	-3	0.11	2	12.71	-11.13	3.33	-6.69
Cookeville	87	53	69	-3	0.42	1	19.61	-7.04	4.48	-6.97
Crossville_AP	82	51	67	-2	0.82	2	21.37	-5.12	6.86	-4.43
Dickson_AG	87	53	69	-4	0.43	3	17.75	-7.98	5.95	-5.60
Dover_1W	86	54	70	-3	0.47	2	16.64	-8.22	5.95	-4.84
Fayetteville_TN	88	53	72	1	1.15	3	20.78	-5.61	5.79	-5.15
Jamestown	84	52	67	-2	0.42	1	22.85	-2.29	7.13	-4.02
Kingston_Spring	89	51	71	-1	0.16	3	18.53	-6.13	7.58	-2.95
Lewisburg	90	48	68	-4	1.14	2	15.46	-10.90	4.77	-6.85
Livingston_WLIV	86	51	68	-3	0.27	2	20.53	-3.78	4.28	-6.36
Lobelville	88	51	70	-3	1.33	2	17.13	-9.85	6.50	-5.32
Murfreesboro_5N	88	51	70	-3	0.19	3	15.92	-9.19	3.81	-7.36
Nashville_Metro	88	56	73	-2	0.08	3	18.01	-4.87	6.96	-3.53
Oneida	85	52	67	-1	0.14	1	26.27	1.00	9.37	-1.88
Portland_TN	88	52	70	-2	0.50	1	18.10	-6.49	6.42	-4.71
Pulaski_Water_P	85	51	69	-6	1.90	3	19.19	-7.29	7.96	-2.95
Shelbyville	88	57	73	-1	0.70	3	18.10	-8.11	4.18	-6.98
Sparta_TN	87	51	70	-2	0.31	3	16.90	-9.05	3.92	-7.31
Springfield	87	53	70	-3	0.38	2	23.29	-0.35	11.60	0.99
Springhill	87	54	71	-2	0.97	3	17.77	-8.92	6.68	-5.22
Tullahoma	85	57	72	-1	0.80	3	18.91	-8.63	5.54	-5.86
Waynesboro_TN	87	55	72	1	1.72	3	24.29	-3.81	12.45	0.31
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	87	58	74	0	0.55	3	18.68	-6.99	4.35	-5.42
Cleveland_6NNE	84	55	70	-2	0.33	3	14.98	-11.34	3.41	-7.18
Dayton	84	54	70	-3	1.76	3	22.04	-5.12	7.71	-3.25
Erwin_1W	85	49	66	-3	0.15	2	19.32	-2.45	8.62	-1.50
Gatlinburg_2SW	82	50	66	-3	0.38	2	27.62	2.46	11.05	-0.02
Greeneville	84	50	67	-4	0.20	2	21.71	2.34	10.59	2.03
Kingston_AG	86	56	71	1	0.54	1	23.98	-3.57	9.00	-2.30
Knoxville_AP	85	56	72	0	0.55	2	23.89	1.29	8.10	-1.04
Newcomb	85	49	66	-3	0.26	1	24.15	-1.12	7.69	-3.56
Norris_4NE	85	51	68	-3	0.45	1	25.61	1.11	9.10	-1.35
Tri-City_RGNL_A	86	49	67	-3	0.03	1	17.48	-1.29	6.75	-1.54

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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